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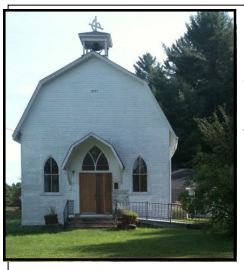
Exciting changes

At a recent Historical Society meeting it was proposed that this newsletter include information on happenings in the entire area of Irondale. There are several groups - independent of each other—offering the citizens of Irondale different options of things to do, think about, attend and/or support.

As such you will find a page for the Community Centre and one for the Irondale Community Church. It is hoped that the next issue will include a page for the Salerno Devils Lake Cottagers' Assoc. as well.

Please show these groups your support by attending their events—contact info is also available on the group's page.



After a two year hiatus, the Irondale Church doors were opened once again. Rev Arnold Hancock held a communion service on Sun August 26 at 10am.

Just prior to the service, Carol Simmons gave a simple explanation as to how it was that we could use the church once again. Anne Roots was very instrumental in securing the property for the community. She formed 'Bark Lake Cultural Developments', and charged them with the responsibility of managing and maintaining the Irondale Church property. A mortgage was secured by community individuals.

Unfortunately Anne was not able to see the exchange of keys, nor take in the August 26th service.

SDLCA's Concert by the Lake

The fabulous weather has held for some months now. It has certainly been appreciated by most. As this article is being put together it is pouring rain. Quite a contrast to the picture on the right taken Saturday July 21. The local cottage association did a bang up job with this year's 'Concert by the Lake'. The music was incredible — only surpassed by the beauty of the surroundings. The 20+ watercraft were filled to capacity and anchored within hearing range. At 6:30 there were brief words from the association president, then the voice of Zoe Chilco and her keyboard echoed over the water. Zoe hosts a monthly radio show on CanoeFM 100.9 — Haliburton County's own volunteer radio station. Jerome Godboo with Eric Shenkman gave a very lively show. They have been entertaining a much younger crowd lately and have never performed on the edge of a lake. Bells, harmonica's and something that resembled an old washboard were used to compliment the voices and guitars. At one point, a gorgeous rainbow appeared. If you look closely you'll see the beginnings of that rainbow on the far right edge of the photo.

Many cottagers enjoyed the concert from the comforts of their deck. One can only hope that they too purchased their $10 ticket.

Welcome & Thank You

to those that recently joined the Society ... and to those that have paid their 2012 memberships. Loweena Dean, Pat DeFrancesco, Klara Oyler, Madeleine Howarth, Sylvia Melanson, Jean Quibell, Helen Pantridge, Margy Swanton, Bill & Bette Witham Fred & Carol Simmons, Mary Graham, Heather Hancock, George & Glenda Simmons, Bruce & Sue Thompson, Arnold Hancock, Mark Hancock, Ron & June Shepstone, Kay Armatage, Doug Rodger, Barbara Gordon, Al & Pat Witham, Samantha Thompson, Heather Farina, Laura Farina, Janet Farina, Ronnie Rankin, Nikki Wilson, Robert Hancock, Steve McAlpine, Bill Procter, Michelle Bannon and Dorothy Reid.

Want to see your name listed here in the next issue?
Want to show your support for the worthy projects taken on?
You need to send in your $10 per person membership.
Memberships purchased are valid until August 2013.

Research Project Update

As you recall we made application and were successful in securing some funding. Amy June Beeney has been hired to work on a contract basis.

An initial trip to the Archives of Ontario in April, turned up a few items and made us aware that an extended trip back this fall is very much in order. Many of the items we want copies of, need to be 'ordered' ahead of time. A lot of the documents we require are stored offsite.

Amy has been busy at the Registry office in Minden, making copies of the abstract pages for lots in the Irondale area. From these pages we will be able to decide which documents will be most useful in describing Irondale's history.

We are most appreciative of the funding received from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

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Wild Game Dinner & Auction Event

All were winners with the fabulous feast put on by Fred Simmons and his assistants.

Door Prizes were won by —

2 Tickets to 2013 Wild Game Dinner to Brent McLaughlin, apparently an extremely Lucky fellow.

- 2 Tickets to 2013 Victorian Tea to Mary Kulmala.

Those attending the event had oodles of items to bid on. A country raffle had people bidding with tickets, silent auction had people placing real money bids, a $100 bill could be won by purchasing the appropriate square, raising your hand and dropping a loonie into the buckets provided ample opportunity to take items home. Susan Thompson's 12 dozen cookies certainly caused quite a flurry of bids during the loonie auction. $226 was raised on that item alone. Kevin Robillard donated his last handmade hummingbird. It was won by a lady who was thrilled— She wanted a mate for her other Robillard bird.

There was certainly no shortage of food—quantity or variety. Fred was extremely pleased with the donations received all round. Early tallies show a profit of $5,000 from this year's 'Beast Feast' .

Kudos to all involved! Thank You to all participants!

Auctioneer Doug Pearson explains the rules of the loonie auction 'raise your hand, pay a loonie'. Quick learners raise their hand to place a $1 bid on the next item.

Home Child Event, May 26, 2012 at the Minden Community Centre

A beautiful day didn't stop the interested from sitting indoors. The doors opened at 10 am. with over 50 people spending the day sharing and/or learning about child immigration.

"Approximately 100,000 children were sent to Canada from England, under the Child Immigration scheme from 1833-1939. These boys and girls ranged in age from toddlers to adolescents and were all unaccompanied by their parents even though only one-third of them were orphans. Child migration began as a mission of rescue of the poverty stricken children who were cast into the streets of London, England, however by the 1900's on-wards, most emigrant children came from respectable, if poor, families bound by strong ties of affection and support."

From the official welcome to the closing remarks, there was someone new sharing from the stage every 15 minutes or so. Celebrated authors, Informative Researchers to descendants of Home Children willing to share their ancestors with us. A couple boxes of 'Kleenex' were strategically placed for those times when the stories just got to be too emotional. It wasn't all doom and gloom though!

There were many that found some new and interesting facts about their ancestor. John Sayers (below with computer) was able to supply people with information on the spot & where they could go for additional info.

Publisher Ed Janzen holds a copy of his newly released June 2012 edition of his magazine "Canadian Stories". The June issue featured Lori Oschefski's story - *The Bleating of the Lambs* - her mother's story.

Gail Corbett, "The Nation Builders - Barnardo Children in Canada" entertained with a slide presentation of archival pictures from the Barnardo files.

Sandra Joyce spoke on her book "The Street Arab", fiction based on truth of her father's life as a Barnardo boy.

Gloria Phillips read from her first book "A Pilgrim Passing Through", a fictional story based on truth of her father's life as a Barnardo. She also offered copies of its sequel "A Pilgrim's Daughter".

Kenneth Bagnell addressed the audience "*I'm still surprised that a book of mine, one I wrote roughly thirty-five years ago, The Little Immigrants, is still available after over a dozen printings. I was fortunate. In part the book – the story of neglected British children shipped to Canadian farm families mostly between the 1870s and 1930s -- caught the attention of the media when it first appeared in* 1980.

Marj Kohli wrote, *The Golden Bridge: Young Immigrants to Canada, 1833-1839.* She is seen below giving background information to those gathered. The long blue display in the picture below belonged to Ivy Succee of the Hazelbrae-Barnardo Home Support Group out of Peterborough. Many found her pictorial display fascinating and enlightening.

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There are many websites to browse through, only a few have been listed here to get you started.

canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

http://jubilation.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/homeadd.html

www3.telus.net/Home_Children_Canada/

Irondale Historical Society makes no claim with regards to the validity or accuracy of these sites.

Cutting Wood -

personal use or income?

Lumbering, at first, was mainly a local industry for the production of building materials. For a time, it became a far-reaching, major industry employing workers year round. These men worked in lumber camps during the winter cutting and hauling logs, they engaged in 'spring runs', then were employed in lumber mills, iron mines or farming for the balance of the year.

Page 102 of A History of the Ford Family from 1900 by Frances (Ford) Horton

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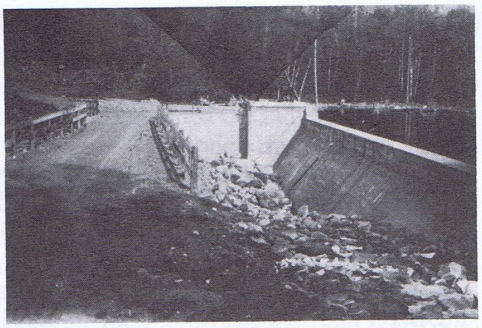
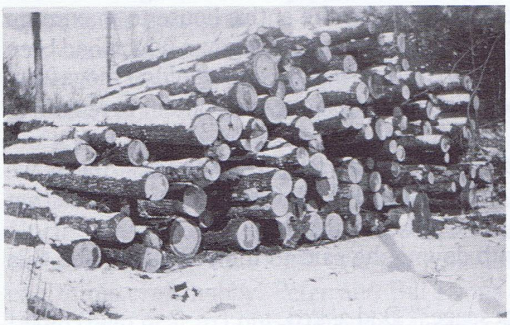
Jerry and Bertha on a load of logs. Note the decking chains to hold the logs in place. An older person would drive to the dump.



White Lake Dam with sluiceway through which river drivers in caulked boots directed logs with long pike poles into Devil's Lake.



A Dump. A boom is constructed of logs chained together. Logs were rolled into the enclosed space to prevent them from scattering in the lake.

The sawmill at Irondale on a Sunday.

This picture, taken 1946, shows Don Simmons holding what was known as a Swede saw, and Charles Woermke is holding a Canthook.

No Chainsaws, Clams or Cherry Pickers here!

Do You Know Where You Will Be Buried?

Have you given much thought to just where you will be interred when the time comes? Are you planning to go into that Family Plot that your grandfather or father purchased so many years ago? Do you have the legal Interment Rights under the legislation governing Ontario's cemeteries and do you have the legal documents to support those rights? **Under the Cemeteries Act 2002 (revised) the governing legislation states that: "**(4) An interment rights holder or the personal representative of the holder has the right to inter any human remains in a lot or other facility approved under this Act in accordance with the by-laws governing the facility. R.S.O. 1990, c. C.4, s. 23 (4)."

Translation ... this means that **only the person or persons** (or their legal personal representative, executor or heir) **who is named on the Deed** or receipt from the cemetery operator **has the legal Interment Rights to be buried in or allow someone else to be buried in the** described **lot**. What does this mean to you? If you are not the legal Interment Rights holder in the burial lot that you are planning to use **contact the Cemetery operator/owner** to inquire as to what your options might be. **Something to think about isn't it?**

Condolences to

The family of John & Bonnie Wilkinson on their passing January 11 & 13th, 2012

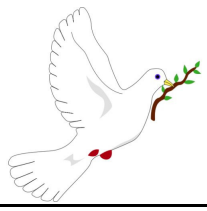
and

The Roots family on the passing of Anne Marie (Simmons) Roots on July 20, 2012.

and

the Procter family on the passing of Mary Lillian Bucknam Dubois on August 2, 2012.

The Creator has called you home.
Like a bird you will soar to his arms to
live forever with out pain or worry.
Till we meet again.



~ Bark Lake Cultural Developments ~

Responsible for the Purchase, Restoration and Maintenance of the Irondale Community Church

The following is copied in part from the report prepared by Catherine Nasmith, Architect as part of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's Preservation Works!

"The church building and its setting are valued as a landmark in the village of Irondale, as a place of continuous community worship for over 120 years and for the property's association with the founding and early prosperity of the former mining settlement. The architectural value of the landmark lies in its simplicity as an example of early rural church buildings in Ontario, a basic frame building clad with painted cove siding on stone foundations. This church is unusual in having a gambrel roof, a form more commonly seen on agricultural buildings. The gambrel roof is echoed in the portico over the main entrance. The building's setting, against a treed hillside, with open land in the foreground further communicates its history as part of a rural community. The architectural signals of the building's religious purpose are the 4 gothic pointed arched single glazed wood windows on each side elevation, the bell tower, and the large double entry doors. The original interior finishes are present, a plaster ceiling reflecting the shape of the roof above, simple wood windows and wainscoting. The lights are of a later period. The building also has associated value because of the business relationship of the building's donor, Mr. Charles Pusey with a most important Canadian Mr. Henry Stark Howland, a founding director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and first President of the Imperial Bank of Commerce."

Catherine mentions the Heritage Attributes of the property to be —

Rural landscaped setting of treed backdrop and large lawn	Bell Tower	
Gambrel shaped roof and portico	Gothic arched, single glazed wood windows	Date inscription
Apse with three gothic arched wood windows	Painted wood clapboard siding	Wood flooring
Trefoil window above main entrance doors	Stone foundations	

In tact interior features including wainscoting, woodwork and vaulted plaster ceiling

The above report was an initiative of the Irondale Historical Society.

Irondale Community Church

Bake Sale

Two Locations
Irondale—Friday & Saturday
Kinmount—Saturday
October 5 & 6, 2012

All kinds of Baked Goods - tarts, dessert pies, dinner rolls, cookies, meat pies, brownies, and preserves.

Pre-orders available—contact Melissa Simmons-Biskup 705-488-1084

Research Tidbits found in a 1977 newspaper article by Bob Lyons -

"St. John's Irondale was built by mining and railroad magnate Charles J. Pusey. The plaque on the church says 1887, but other records say it was erected in 1889. Built to hold 150 people, the white church was planned as the centrepiece of a new town.

His beautiful church was built of native pine. The rounded ceiling is a good twenty fee high, giving an echo effect to both the preacher in the pulpit and any coughs from the congregation.

The original pine pews remain. They are simple pine with straight backs, so you have to sit up and pay attention. Fred A. Simmons, an Irondale resident for 60 years and Warden of St John's today, admits the old pews aren't very comfortable, but "we wanted to leave the church as it was".

He says the same about the windows. There is no stained glass, although there have been offers from the congregation over the years. "It was clear in the pioneer days," Simmons explains, "and it's nice to be able to look out and see the beauty of the country."

Pusey built his church to serve all the miners. So it was inter-denominational. The church still serves the scattering of residents in the Irondale area, plus a large influx of cottagers around Salerno Lake.

Every Thanksgiving the old church is festooned with fall leaves and pumpkins. About 150 people at tend the special service.

When you enter the old church, you find a tablet of iron near the door. It was placed there in 1951, by James M. Howland, in memory of his grandfather, the founder of the church. The hunk of iron was taken out of the mine in 1881. It's the only clue to why this grand old church sits alone in the countryside."

Board Members -

Fred Simmons	George Simmons	Carol Simmons
Barry Simmons	Robert Hancock	Michael Roots

Rentals

If you are interested in using the Irondale Community Church for your next function, please contact Glenda Simmons 705-447-2679 or Carol Simmons 705-286-3588 to discuss the particulars.

~ Bark Lake Cultural Developments ~

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of the Irondale Community Church

Please mark your calendars.
We would be thrilled to have you join us at some of the fundraisers planned.

Sunday Services at 10 am — as long as they are attended — call ahead if you want to be sure

Friday, October 5 & Saturday October 6 — — Bake Sale — as described on page 5.

Sunday, October 7 — — Traditional Irondale Thanksgiving Service — 7 pm, Irondale Community Church

Saturday, October 13 — — ATV Poker Run — see advert below.

Sunday, December 23 — — Traditional Candlelight Service, 7 pm
followed by a Good Old Fashioned Carol Sing and refreshments
If we are good, maybe even a visit from Old St. Nick himself!

Saturday, January 12, 2013 — — Curling Bonspiel — see advert below.

Sunday, March 31, 2013 — — Easter Service, 10 am

Sunday, May 12, 2013 — 1891 Wedding of Lucien Howland and Annie Pusey (Re-enactment)
Watch for your invitation!

Curling Bonspiel

Hosted By Fred Simmons

Saturday, Jan 12, 2013

Haliburton Curling Club

A day full of curling & fun...
2- 6 End Games

Tasty Potluck Dinner

$25.00/person

* No Experience Necessary! *

Curlers & Non-Curlers
Combined on same team
Contact Fred at 705-286-3558
or simmons03@xplornet.ca

Proceeds support the
Irondale Community Church

ATV POKER RIDE

Saturday
October 13, 2012

Tickets available now!

$20 per person

8 am Registration

Licensed machines & drivers only

Prizes Awarded

Breakfast & Lunch Available

Starts & Finishes at the
Irondale Community Centre

Afternoon Musical Entertainment
for all ages

Come out and support the
Irondale Community Church

Hosted by the
Bark Lake Cultural
Developments

Potluck Dinners

Glenda Simmons has been busy organizing monthly **Potluck Dinners** at the Irondale Community Centre. These dinners allow us to keep in touch with our neighbours and friends as well as honour those with birthdays that month. The gatherings have ranged from 20 something to over 40 individual people enjoying the vast variety of foods offered. Sure beats trying to come up with variety in your own household!

January

March

May

June

July

We apologize for those with birthdays in February and April, either we didn't have a camera or the photos didn't turn out. We will save August & other months for the next issue.

We'd like you to join us each month. Call Glenda at 705-447-2679 and let her know you want on the phone list. She will notify you when the dinners are going to take place. The dates each month vary as they need to be worked around the community centre rental schedule.
Upcoming Potluck Dinner dates are as follows -
Wednesday September 15th; Saturday October 20th; Saturday November 17th; and Wednesday December 5th. All are for 5:30pm.

Euchre

Wednesday nights at 7 pm you'll find many of us gathered around the tables for a friendly game of progressive euchre. The skill level of our players range from enough to get by to those quite adept at the game. Either way we have a load of fun as we each play six games, enjoy sandwiches & desserts and many good laughs. Prizes awarded for Most Points, Most Lone Hands and Lowest Points.
Most nights we are all cleaned up and on our way home by 9pm. At just $2 each it is a great way to spend a couple hours—rather than in front of the television.

Annual Ball Tournament

The Annual Ball Tournament was held the weekend of July 28 & 29. The weather was fantastic and by all accounts a fun filled weekend. Your editor has been unable to find the answer to 'Who won the Tournament, perhaps I will have the answers and some for the next issue.

Annual Fundraiser Dinner, Saturday September 22, 2012

The Pearson family put on a delicious dinner with loonie auction fun each year to raise funds for the Irondale Community Centre. This year's dinner will be just as fun. We happen to have experienced the wit and humour of one Loonie Auctioneer extraordinaire "Doug" You will not want to miss the excitement!
Place—Galway Community Centre on Galway Road, just south of Kinmount off Hwy 121.
Tickets—available through the Irondale General Store

Community Centre Contacts

Rentals for the centre and the big tent can be booked through Barry Simmons 705-447-2380.
There is an answering machine so be sure to leave your name and number, so that a return call can be made.

Committee members—
Jean Neville (councillor)
Barry Simmons
Chris James
Rick Ratcliffe
Jane Wilson
George Simmons

Scrumptious fancy foods were offered at the

Victorian Tea held Saturday June 2.

The event raised approx. $400

The guests went home with satisfied tummies, a sparkly bauble for their fingers and the warm fuzzy feeling that comes from supporting a good cause.

Above—Members of Minden's Red Hat Society chat with strong supporters of the Twelve Mile Church.

Left—Irondale River Queen Laura (red) explains the delicacy of the event.

There is no successful event without many willing and able volunteers...busy in the kitchen or waiting for the next 'order'.

Pat Miller, middle right side, brought these ladies from Peterborough. Pat is Carol Simmons' mother.

Our Research has uncovered ...

SCHEDULE C.

Count of Peterborough

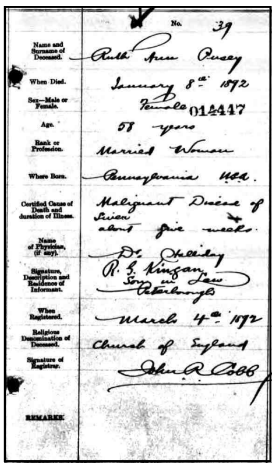
NAME OF DECEASED.	Sex. (M. or F.)	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.	RESIDENCE. No. of House or Lot.	RESIDENCE. Concession or Street.	OCCUPATION. MARRIED OR SINGLE.
Pusey, Charles Jonathan	M	16 July 1899	60	417	Stewart	Farmer Married

DEATHS.

Division of Peterborough

WHERE BORN.	CAUSE OF DEATH. Length of Illness.	NAME OF PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE.	RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.	NAME OF PERSON MAKING REPORT.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.
Otis Ravine, Conn.	Heart disease. 6 months	Dr. Morden	Ch of England	Thos. J. Morden	17 " 021733

The above image shows the death registration for Charles Jonathon Pusey, 16 July 1899, age 60 yrs. The image on the right is the death registration for Ruth Anne Pusey, March 4, 1892, age 58 yrs. It is not the intention of the writer to 'assume' you can read these images clearly, merely to show the kinds of things our research is uncovering. Full size copy can be viewed at the next open house of the Irondale Historical Society.



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Name and Surname of Deceased. Ruth Ann Pusey

When Died. January 8th 1892

Sex—Male or Female. Female 014417

Age. 58 years

Rank or Profession. Married Woman

Where Born. Pennsylvania USA

Certified Cause of Death and duration of Illness. Malignant Disease of Liver about five weeks

Name of Physician, (if any). Dr. Shelby

Signature, Description and Residence of Informant. R. S. Kingan Son in Law Peterboro

When Registered. March 4th 1892

Religious Denomination of Deceased. Church of England

Signature of Registrar. John R. Dobbs

REMARKS.

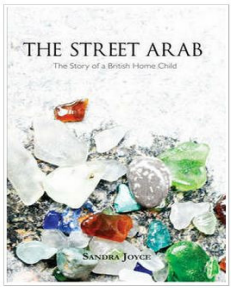
We do have **one glaring question** from the research found to date — perhaps one of our readers may be able to shed some light on it. Margaret Humphreys, a widow, owns a lot of Irondale property in the mid to late 1800's. Very uncommon for a woman of that time period.

Who is this Margaret Humphreys?

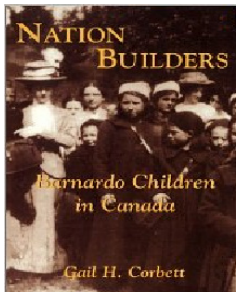
Home Children continued from pg 3

George Simmons was able to secure the books shown here. The authors have been very generous in leaving copies of their books with us to be sold on consignment. If you are interested in one or more of these titles, please contact Carol at 705-286-3588 or George at 705-447-2679

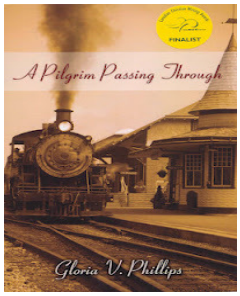
An Anthology of British Home Child Stories
405 pages - - 37.00



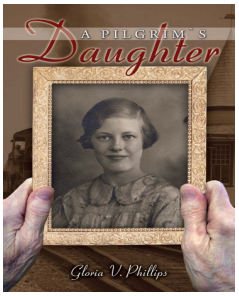
A novel about a boy, from a small mining town in Scotland.
289 pages - - 23.95



Barnardo Children in Canada by Gail Corbett unmasks the greatest human interest story in Canadian history
133 pages - - 20.00



As the 19th century drew to a close, Gottlob Muller packed his bag, left his family behind, boarded a ship to Canada.
238 pages - - 15.00



The saga of the Miller family continues with the next generation of the family.
300 pages - - 19.00

Some Devils Lake History - - written in 1996 by Marilyn Horton & Susan Thompson, edited by Bette Witham

Ina and Len Smith built their four room hunting cabin in 1931, at the top of a very steep hill, overlooking Devil's Lake. The property was purchased from Ina's second cousin, YC Graham and wife Nora, who had a farm where Hawkfield Auto Service is now located. For the first couple of years the cottage, called Joy Boy Inn, was used as a retreat from city life by the Smiths and their adult friends. The men and some of the women fished and hunted rabbit, duck and partridge. The locals had a shooting contest which Ina won and were quite amazed that this 'city gal could handle a twenty-two'. However in 1934, Len's sister and her husband both died leaving four children - Len and Ina became guardians. Because the children were separated during the school year, the cottage became the one place they could be together as a family. The adult friends not started to come with their children and the men would commute back to the city to work on the weekdays.

Housed in tents, it wasn't long before the need for more lodgings caused a bunkhouse to be built. Half the building was for the boys and the other for the girls, with two double bunk beds in each side. In the early 1940's, another building was added to accommodate everyone for meals. At various times during the cottage's history the eighteen seater ping pong table has had two sittings per meal.

Cottage life in the early days was very different to what we have now. All cooking was done on a wood stove regardless of the outside temperature. Until Ina dug the well, divined by local Sam Hancock, all drinking water came from James Bay. (This spring later became George Hancock's property). The children rowed up the lake to the spring to fetch the water in buckets. A cow was rented for the summer and housed at YC's farm so milk was available. Ina would place an ad in the Toronto paper for summer help, "Girl to assist with children at a summer camp—Must be able to milk a cow". The children would assist her in transporting the milk by buckets to the cottage. Unfortunately fresh meat was only available on weekends when the groceries arrived. Tinned meat was the weekday protein except for the rare occasion when a live chicken would be prepared from their own chicken coop. Refrigeration was a root cellar until electricity arrived in 1960. All washing—clothes and bodies—was done in the lake. This was before we knew of the environmental concerns. Since the hike to the lake was formidable, rain water was collected and a wash stand erected. All of these buildings, including the 'Whossits' (outhouse), are still in sue today, although in some cases

Some Devil's Lake History — continued from page 6

In order for the cottage to function for the benefit of all, a job list was the way of life. Each individual regardless of age, sex and physical impairments played a part in the daily functions ie meal preparation, dishes, painting, etc. The individuals growing in this type of environment learned responsibility and social skills and enabled them to deal with large groups. The problem of expenses was solved with a daily rate being charged to cover food and some maintenance. This was never a money making venture as the early rate for adults was $0.50 per day.

In the winter of 1944-1945, YC Graham built a twelve foot deep, U-shaped log crib on the ice so that with the spring thaw, it would fall into place. The next summer saw the surface added and even though it has been modified over the years the dock still has the same basic frame. In 1962 a boathouse was added and this structure is the only building visible from the lake, just east of Highland Trail Lodge.

Ina taught the children and some of the local people to swim, and during the war the children raised money for the Red Cross by having swim demonstrations. Ina also instructed the children in canoeing and would direct the excursions to White Lake and Bark Lake. This was long before the days of Bark Lake Camp when the way is was a trail through the woods. Other games included ping pong, horseshoes, kick the can and cards.

For a couple of years they enjoyed horseback riding. The two horses were boarded at YC's farm during the summer months and on a farm at Ellesmere and Warden in Toronto in the winter. At the beginning of the summer the horses were ridden by Bette and Jim Colville as far as Claremont. The next day Ina and Flora (George Hancock's wife) made it as far as Fenelon Falls and all the way to Irondale on the third day.

During the winter months Len and Ina took a excursions to the cottage, sometimes driving the 4.5 hour trip or taking the Irondale Bancroft & Ottawa train. During the 1930's, Ina and several lady friends spent a week in February without the children at Joy Boy Inn. Cross country skiing, cards, gourmet meals and hikes were the favourite pastimes. As the cottage was not winterized many a night was spent battling the cold.

In 1953 Ina and Len built another cottage across the lake and closer to the water. Ina still resides there today on her occasional visits to Irondale. Marilyn Colville Horton has built a cottage next door and Joy Boy Inn was left in Bette Colville Witham's capable hands. Today, the third generation of Smith descendants are carrying on the tradition of multi-family cottage life with as few modern conveniences as possible. What started out as a hunting cabin certainly escalated to much, much more.

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